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Speakers' Biographies





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Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien)

Gerald has been a senior fellow and project manager at WU Wien since 2006. He holds a Master degree in Political Science from the University of Salzburg (Austria) and an MSc in Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy from Cardiff University (Wales, UK). His current research activities focus on sustainable development policy, governance for sustainable development, environmental policy, policy analysis and policy advice on various sustainable development and environmental issues. He has extensive experience in EU funded research projects (FP5, FP6 and FP7), the exchange between policy-making and research, and the design and organization of European-wide conferences and workshops. He is also managing the European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN), the largest European network of policy-makers and experts on SD strategies and policies.



Carsten Bermig

Member of Cabinet Bieńkowska

Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Carsten Bermig is Advisor to European Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska, responsible for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. Since February 2014 he was Member of Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard. Between 2010 and 2014, he worked as policy coordinator for economic and financial affairs in the Secretariat-General of the European Commission. He joined the European Commission in 2000 and has since worked in several departments of the Directorate-General for Competition and two years in the Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General. Prior to joining the European Commission, he was a researcher in the Cologne Center for Public Finance. He holds a Masters Degrees in Economics of the University of Cologne and in European Studies from the College of Europe.





Prof. Dr. Raimund Bleischwitz

BHP Billiton Chair for Sustainable Global Resources, Deputy Director
University College London, Institute for Sustainable Resources (UCL
ISR)

Raimund Bleischwitz is BHP Billiton Chair in Sustainable Global Resources at University College London (UCL), and Deputy Director at the UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources (UCL ISR). He was Co-Director on 'Material Flows and Resource Management' at the Wuppertal Institute in Germany from 2003 until 2013. Raimund spent a fellowship at the Transatlantic Academy (TA) in Washington DC in 2011 - 2012; he had other fellowships at Johns Hopkins University (AICGS JHU) and in Japan (JSPS) and was visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium) from 2003 - 2014. Raimund has a PhD and a 'Habilitation' in economics and some 200 publications on resource efficiency/productivity, eco-innovation and enabling conditions, sustainable growth / green economy, raw material markets and conflicts, and governance issues. His recent book written with five international co-authors is "Want, Waste, or War? The Global Resource Nexus and the Struggle for Land, Energy, Food, Water and Minerals", Routledge/Earthscan Publisher 2015 (<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781138784468/>)
Website: <https://iris.ucl.ac.uk/iris/browse/profile?upi=RBLEI92>



Andreas Endl

Research Fellow & Project Manager

Institute for Managing Sustainability at the Vienna University of
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Andreas Endl studied Biology, Anthropology, and Human Ecology at the University of Vienna and the Free University of Brussels. His areas of expertise include policy analysis, evaluation and monitoring of sustainable development, environmental and minerals policy. In his recent work he has been designing and applying innovative facilitation and knowledge brokerage methods across different stakeholder communities (e.g. on the policy-science or industry-civil society interfaces) in the FP7 project COBALT and the policy network of ESDN and has been working on the EU sustainable development indicators set for Eurostat's EU SDS Monitoring Report.





Dirk Fincke

Secretary General

UEPG – European Aggregates Association

Dirk Fincke has German nationality and graduated in Political Science at the University of Bonn (Germany). He studied at the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University (United Kingdom) and at the Université de Sorbonne in Paris (France). Committed to international cooperation, he has established a German NGO named Bonn International Model United Nations, which organises each year an international conference for over 160 worldwide youth delegates. Since February 2006, Dirk works in Public Affairs for the Brussels based office of UEPG - the European Aggregates Association lobbying the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union for the best interests of the Aggregates Industry. Dirk is Secretary General of UEPG and Secretary of the UEPG Economic Committee. In this capacity he is a Member of several European Commission Expert Groups, e.g. the Raw Materials Supply Group dealing with critical raw materials, access to resources within the EU and with resource efficiency and recycling. Dirk is German native speaker, fluent in English and French, has an advanced level in Polish and basic skills in Dutch.



Prof. Lluís Fontboté

Professor of Economic Geology

University of Geneva

Lluís Fontboté, graduated at the Universities of Granada (Spain) and Heidelberg (Germany). He has worked in the exploration of several commodities, mainly polymetallic ores. Since 1990 he is full professor at the Geneva University (Switzerland), where he has hold several functions including Department Chairman, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and member of the Swiss Research Council.

In Geneva, he is head the Mineral Resources and Geofluids Group active in several parts of the world, mainly in cooperation with mining companies. His current focus is on the genesis of polymetallic ore deposits related to porphyry systems, Iron Oxide Copper Gold deposits, and on Mississippi Valley Deposits. He has also published, together with his students, on VHMS and orogenic gold deposits, as well as on Acid Mining Drainage. Main current projects are in the Andes, Sweden and Eastern Europe. He is the general coordinator of the UNESCO-SEG-SGA Latin American Metallogeny Course. Lluís Fontboté is past President (2012) of the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG) and presently he is member of the expert panel of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Raw Materials.





Sylvie Fraboulet-Jussila

Leading Specialist, Responsible mining

Sitra

Sylvie Fraboulet-Jussila leads Sitra's Responsible Mining team, which is supporting the Finnish Network for Sustainable Mining. She is vice chair of the Network, a multi-stakeholder discussion and cooperation group with members from the mining industry and its key stakeholders. Sylvie has previously worked as a senior environmental and social advisor for a development financing institution and as an environmental consultant. She holds a MSc. degree in Environmental Science and Technology and a MEng. in Industrial Risk Management.



Dr. Christian Hagelüken

Director EU Government Affairs

Umicore

Christian heads Umicore's advocacy activities in the EU. He has over 25 years experience in (precious) metals recycling and sustainable metals management and has made numerous contributions to professional books, journals and conferences. He represents Umicore in related associations, work groups, scientific panels and university co-operations, among others the UNEP Resource Panel, the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials, and the German Acatech working group on resources for energy applications.

Between 2003 and 2011 he headed the department for Business Development & Market Research in Umicore's Precious Metals Refining business unit. Before that, he had held various management positions in the precious metals department of Degussa AG

Christian holds university degrees in mining engineering and industrial engineering from RWTH Aachen, Germany, where he also received his Ph.D. in 1991.





Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers

Coordinator Resource Efficiency, Senior Fellow

Ecologic Institute

Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers is Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute and Coordinator of Resource Efficiency. He works on analysing policies concerning the decoupling of resource use and economic growth, on evaluating resource policy and on fostering sustainable resource management towards a Circular Economy.

Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers focuses on the following four research questions (1) what drivers lie at the root of (in)efficient resource use, (2) what role do economic instruments, consumer choices and communication play in the decoupling and sustainability transition, (3) which recommendations can be derived therefrom for effective, supportive policy mixes, and (4) how effectively those policy mixes could be in supporting resource efficiency and sustainability targets.

Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers previously completed his PhD at the Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography of the University of Greifswald, Germany.

Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers studied environmental sciences at Leuphana University of Lüneburg (Germany) and at the University of Queensland (Australia).



Dr. César Luaces

Director General

Spanish Aggregates Federation

Doctor Mining Engineer by the University of Oviedo (Spain) – PHD in Impact Assessment – Mining and Quarrying industries Strategic Planning

General Director of the Spanish National Aggregates Association; General Technical Secretary of the Spanish Rocks and Industrial Minerals Confederation – COMINROC; General Director of the Iberoamerican Aggregates Federation – FIPA

More than 20 years of experience in Extractive Industries Associations (Spain and EU level)

Over 125 books related with the extractive industry (economy, management, environment, health and safety, quality and public relations); more than 200 technical articles for Congresses, technical reviews or journals





Prof. Dr. Kristin Vala Ragnarsdottir

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BS University of Iceland; MS & PhD Geochemistry, Northwestern University, USA. Dean of Engineering & Natural Sciences, University of Iceland. Lecturer/Professor Department of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol, UK. Member of FP7 Environment Scientific Advisory Committee. Invited member of Butanese New Development Paradigm International Expert Working Group, and UNEPs depleted uranium Scientific Panels. Invited advisor for MISTRAs Green Economics Strategy (Sweden), UK Green Economics Coalition, and DeTao Group (China) of Green Investment. Lead the foundation for Bristol European Green Capital. Member of Icelandic Ministry of Education panels on future of Higher Education, and education for sustainability. Future scenarios working group for Reykjavík Mayor, Prime Ministers 2020 Vision for Iceland, and Federation of Industry visioning on innovation. Associate Editor of Solutions; founding editor of Journal of Finite Resources. Vice-President of Balaton Group and Former Chair of Schumacher Society. Elected Fellow of Icelandic Academy of Sciences, Royal Society of Arts, Academiae Europaea, Schumacher Institute, and Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. Invited member Club of Rome.



Associate professor, Annica Sandström

Luleå University of Technology

Annica Sandström is associate professor in political science at Luleå University of Technology, Sweden. Sandström has worked with several studies on natural resource governance and her publications include articles on the socio-political complexities of fishery management, marine management and wildlife management, as well as theory driven pieces on policy networks, collaborative governance (co-management) and adaptive management. She is well familiar with the use of a comparative case study approach and applies both qualitative and quantitative methods in her work. The use of quantitative social network analysis (SNA), to disentangle participation and collaboration structures in public policy processes, is characteristic for her work. Ongoing research projects include a study of co-management, coalition-formation and learning in the conflict-ridden wildlife sector; a comparative analysis of multi-level governance and its outcomes in wildlife and water policy; and a study of co-management – its prerequisites and outcomes in terms of legitimacy and ecosystem-based management – in the context of valuable coastal and marine areas.





Prof. Ursula Tischner

Econcept

Prof. Ursula Tischner studied Architecture and Industrial Design and specialized in Eco- and Sustainable Design of products and services. After her master graduation in Germany she worked as a researcher at the German Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, where she was involved in research and developing concepts such as eco-efficiency, MIPS, Factor 4 and Factor 10, Ecodesign, Eco-Innovation etc. In 1996 she founded econcept, Agency for Sustainable Design, in Cologne (www.econcept.org). With econcept she carries out research and consulting projects with small and large companies and other organizations on sustainable- and eco-design and innovation. She organized numerous training and educational courses and programs, such as the Sustainable Design Program at Design Academy Eindhoven NL, or Ecodesign training courses for the Electronics Industry in Korea or the Furniture Industry in Australia. In 2010 she became Prof. Design for Sustainability at Savannah College of Art and Design (www.scad.edu). She publishes books and organizes conferences and networks around Eco- and Sustainable Design, is member of design juries and standardization bodies such as ISO, and evaluator in European research programs.



Barbara Toorens

Director External & Partner Relations

WorldLoop

WorldLoop is an international non-profit committed to extending the positive impact of ICT projects in developing countries by offsetting the negative environmental impact of its hardware. WorldLoop has the ability to transform an environmental hazard into something that is socially, environmentally and economically positive by providing developing countries with resources and professional mindshare to enable the creation of a sustainable e-waste management system, from collection and logistics to recycling and the sustainable treatment of hazardous fractions.

Barbara is an entrepreneur at heart with a passion to bridge the polarities of environmental sustainability, social responsibility and the private sector. Prior to joining WorldLoop, she managed her own consulting firm in Seattle Washington, helping multinational corporations, nonprofits and grassroots initiatives in areas of strategy, marketing/communications and stakeholder management. Barbara has a BA in Human Services from Western Washington University and an MA in Cross-cultural & Sustainable Business Management from the American University of Paris.





Carsten Wachholz

Resources use and EU Product Policy Officer

European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

Carsten Wachholz is responsible for resource use and product policy at the EEB. He advocates for the EU to match its rhetoric on resource efficiency with ambitious proposals in the areas of eco-design, labelling and the related fields of product policy. In the context of promoting a circular economy in Europe, the EEB works on approaches how to better align product and waste policies in order to complement each other more effectively. Before coming to Brussels, Carsten Wachholz was deputy head of the department for environmental protection at the headquarters of German NGO NABU, where he worked on climate change, energy policy and sustainable development. He also gained expertise as a consultant in facilitating stakeholder communications, public participation and conflict resolution. He holds a diploma on environmental studies from the University of Lueneburg in Northern Germany.



Peter Woodward (*Moderator*)

Director and Lead Facilitator

Quest Associates

Peter Woodward is in high demand both in the UK and across Europe for his skills as an independent facilitator. His engaging personality and twenty years of experience combine to lift the normal conference or workshop experience to new levels of energy and value. He helps both clients and participants achieve outcomes beyond their expectations in a relaxed yet purposeful manner.

Based in Bath in the UK, Peter has a particular passion and expertise in designing and running participative processes on issues related to the sustainable development agenda. As Co-founder and Director of Quest Associates his clients include the European Commission and national governments, public agencies, businesses, universities and civil society organisations. His interventions range in scale from small group internal strategy sessions to major conferences of up to 1,000 participants.

Peter trained in urban planning, He has worked in the social sector and for a multinational company and so has wide experience of helping to bridge differing perspectives on issues.





Dr. Michelle Wyart-Remy

Director and Secretary General

IMA-Europe

Dr. Michelle Wyart-Remy is Director and Secretary General of IMA-Europe since its creation in 1994, while also continuing her responsibilities as EUROTALC Secretary General since 1979. She is also the Secretary General of the European Speciality Mineral Association (ESMA).

Michelle holds a PhD in Sciences in Organic Physical Chemistry from the Free University of Brussels (1976). She is the Sherpa of Jean-Luc Deleersnyder (Sibelco), member of the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials High Level Steering Group. She is the industrial minerals sector appointed expert in the European Commission Ad Hoc Group on Criticality and Ad Hoc Expert Group on Exchange of Good Practices in Land Planning and Mineral Policy. Michelle is a member of the Board of A.SPIRE the Public Private Partnership on Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency of which IMA-Europe is a founding member. She is the co-chair of the European Network on Silica (NEPSI) Council and a member of the Standing Working Party of the Extractive Industry (SWPEI). She also acts as IMA representative in the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the Extractive Industry (SSDCEI) and in the Raw Materials Supply Group (RMSG). She is a member of the Advisory Board of the COBALT Project.



Johanna Beate Wysluch

Head of D-EITI Secretariat – preparation group

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Johanna Beate Wysluch is leading the German EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) Secretariat, which prepares the German candidature for EITI. As lawyer by academic background, she focused the last ten years on anticorruption, transparency and integrity topics. Before joining the secretariat, she lived and worked in different countries in the field of development cooperation and human rights. Before joining the D-EITI Secretariat Johanna Wysluch worked with the Indonesian Anti-Corruption-Commission KPK in Jakarta, Indonesia.

